

FORT ETHAN ALLEN MILITARY RESERVATION.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A communication from the Secretary of War submitting an additional estimate of appropriation for lands, Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation.

FEBRUARY 3, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
February 1, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of War, of the 31st ultimo, submitting an additional estimate of appropriation, \$3,000, for additional lands, Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation.

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKE, *Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, January 31, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to Congress an estimate (\$3,000) of a deficiency in the appropriation for "additional lands, Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation," for which object the sum of \$7,000 was appropriated in the sundry civil act of August 18, 1894.

The owner of the land required for the use of the United States having declined to convey the same for the amount appropriated for this object, condemnation proceedings were entered upon, and the court confirmed an award of ten thousand dollars, making it necessary that Congress should appropriate the additional sum of \$3,000 before the land can be acquired under the original act.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL S. LAMONT,
Secretary of War.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
 QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
 Washington, D. C., January 30, 1896.

SIR: On October 10, 1893, necessary legislation was recommended for extending the military reservation of Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., to the Winooski River, the circumstances which made purchase essential to the welfare of the post being for protection of present United States right of way for sewer and water pipes across the land, for garden purposes, for prevention of undesirable elements sure to collect at some point near a military post, and further to provide a good bathing place for men and horses.

In act making appropriation for sundry civil expenses, approved August 18, 1894, the following appears:

To enable the Secretary of War to acquire the title for military purposes to additional lands, not exceeding one hundred and ninety acres, required to extend the military reservation of Fort Ethan Allen, near Essex Junction, Vermont, to the Winooski River, subject to the right of way through said lands of the Winooski and Essex highway, and the right of way of the Central Vermont Railway, seven thousand dollars: *Provided*, That in acquiring the land for the purpose the Secretary of War is authorized to proceed in accordance with the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, making appropriations for sundry civil expenses under title "Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Park."

The owner of almost entire tract, Graton Brand, having positively declined to sell for the amount appropriated, condemnation proceedings, at request of the Secretary of War, were instituted through the Department of Justice.

Under date of the 28th instant, the War Department was advised, through Department of Justice, that—

The court has accepted and confirmed the report of the Commissioners, and ordered that Graton Brand, the owner of the land, convey the same to the United States, by good and sufficient deed of warranty, upon payment by the United States of the \$10,000 so awarded as damages.

An estimate in due form for the required additional \$3,000 is herewith submitted for action of Congress, with blue print of the land proposed for acquirement.

Respectfully,

R. N. BATCHELDER,
 Quartermaster-General, United States Army.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 18 .
by the Quartermaster's Department, United States Army.

Additional lands, Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation:

To enable the Secretary of War to acquire the title, for military purposes, to additional lands, not exceeding 190 acres, required to extend the military reservation of Fort Ethan Allen, near Essex Junction, Vt., to the Winooski River, subject to the right of way through said lands of the Winooski and Essex highway and the right of way of the Central Vermont Railway: *Provided*, That in acquiring the land for the purpose the Secretary of War is authorized to proceed in accordance with the act approved March 3, 1891, making appropriations for sundry civil expenses, under the title "Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Park." (Act August 18, 1894, vol. 28, p. 403, sec. 1)..... \$3,000
 Amount appropriated 7,000

MAP OF
PROPOSED EXTENSION
OF
FORT ETHAN ALLEN MILITARY RESERVATION.

CAPT GUY HOWARD, A.Q.M., U.S.A.

MEADOW LAND	82.5 ACRES
SWAMP LAND	25.6 "
ROUGH LAND	35.9 "
RIVER & BANK	8.8 "
SAND PLAIN	9.0 "
HIGHWAY	7.0 "
C.V.R.R.	21.2 "
TOTAL	190.0 "

Scale, 1 inch = 300 Ft. Chas. L. Woodbury, C.E.

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TOTAL AREA 190.0 A.
 DEDUCT HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY 7.0 A.
 DEDUCT RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY 21.2 A.
 AREA TO BE ACQUIRED 161.8 A.
 OWNED BY MR. G. BRAND, 160.5 A.
 OWNED BY MR. M.F. KELLY, 1.3 A.



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Limits - as determined - in 1895: Commissioners awarded \$10,000 as value etc, which was confirmed by the Court: Law '96 - 3000 additional acres of Congress; 7000 hairy bears given in S.C. Bill of Aug 1894; T.O. 43-1894